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DPW Offers Assistance after Night of Severe Weather

Residents reminded to check storm inlets

INDIANAPOLIS -Last night's severe weather left some Marion County residents with flooded streets. Though the morning commute may have been inconvenient, it looks like the worst of the severe weather is over. The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is monitoring water levels of the White River and surrounding streams.

Water Levels:

- White River at Nora: Predicted to enter flood stage this afternoon and peak late tomorrow night. The river will then exit the flood stage early Thursday morning.
- White River at Raymond Street: Not predicted to enter the flood stage, however just downstream, local flooding may occur.
- Smaller streams are either in the flood stage or have been in the flood stage this morning. They are now returning to normal flows.

Since the early morning hours, DPW staff have been staging sandbags at two city garages. The sandbags are available for Marion County residents only. Starting at noon today, DPW will begin staging sandbags at Riverwood Park near Haynes Avenue and Crittenden Avenue. The sandbags staged there are for residents living in the Ravenswood neighborhood.

Sandbag Locations:

- 1725 South West Street
- 6802 S. Tibbs Avenue
- Riverwood Park near Haynes Avenue and Crittendon Avenue

To avoid flooding on your street, DPW reminds residents to clear storm inlets of debris. Clogged inlets keep water from draining properly and can lead to standing water in streets and yards. There are more than 10,000 miles of drainage facilities in Marion County. Approximately 6,000 of those miles are on private property and must be maintained by property owners, according to Sections 431-506 and 561-211 of the Revised Code of the City and County. For these property owners, drainage responsibilities include clearing storm inlets.

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